



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Staff and Students,

It was lovely to welcome our students back to school this Tuesday. Today, our school held a special mass for ANZAC Day. We must recognise the dedication of our service persons who have shaped and molded our freedom and national identity. Our Year 6 student leaders will also participate in the Service on Sunday, representing our school community and parish of St Patrick's.

### **Prayer:**

*Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all.*

*Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.*

*Grant all service persons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace.*

*May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world.*

*We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

### **Planning Days:**

A big Thank You to Mrs Trewren who has led our school over the past three days whilst Mr Hazebroek, Mrs Glorie and I have been undertaking Evangelisation planning with Bishop Gerard. Evangelisation is about the experiences in a Catholic school for building and nurturing faith in our community. It was scheduled for last year, however, was delayed due to COVID-19. I am also participating in Making Jesus Real training next Tuesday and CEWA leadership training on Thursday and Friday. Our Assistant Principal's Mrs Glorie and Mr Hazebroek will lead our school next week.

### **Parent Meetings:**

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who met with their child's teacher last term.

Parents and families play an essential role in supporting their child's education as outlined at:

<https://www.education.gov.au/parent-engagement-children-s-learning>.

The sharing of your child's progress, achievements, and teachers' plans to help them continue to grow is essential. If you missed the opportunity to meet, it is not too late, so please email your child's professional educator to arrange an appointment.

### **Welcome:**

We welcome Mrs Conkling who has joined our school community this term to assist with our evidence-based targeted literacy intervention program, Mini-Lit. Mrs Conkling has recently moved from the Wheatbelt and has extensive experience in this role.

### **Year 3 and 5 National Assessment Program:**

NAPLAN will commence for our Year 3 and 5 students from 11 May until 21st May. Our students have undertaken some preparation testing, and our 1:1 iPad program has made this process seamless and not disrupted the normal learning taking place.

If you are interested in what type of questions are asked and would like to have a go, please visit;

<https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

NAPLAN tests are only one aspect of the assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Your child's Professional Educator will have the best insight into your child's educational progress. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to make contact with them.

### **Pre-primary Census - AEDC:**

In May this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). AEDC is, a nationwide census/survey of early childhood development, held once every three years. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment and includes all children in Pre-Primary.

### **School Improvement Process -your input is important:**

As part of our continual school improvement process, NSI Partnerships will be undertaking a school climate survey. Our students will be surveyed, plus all families will have the opportunity to provide input. Further details will follow soon about the process.

Kind regards,

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Principal

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## **Dates to Remember**



- Sunday, 25 April - ANZAC Day
- Monday, 26 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday



- Tuesday, 27 April - Piano Lessons
- Thursday 29 April - Canteen (Volunteers - B Webb, J Stampone, F Blakeney)
- Friday, 30 April - Assembly @ 8:40am with MJR Award presentation
- Monday, 3 May - Piano Lessons
- Thursday, 6 May - Year 4 Taster Day @ Mandurah Catholic College
- Thursday, 6 May - P & F Mother's Day Stall
- Thursday, 6 May - Canteen (Volunteers - N Williams, R Sekhon, B Wilson)
- Friday, 7 May - Assembly @ 8:40am
- Friday, 7 May - P & F Mother's Day High Tea - 10am - 12 noon
- Friday, 7 May - Winter Sports for Years 5 & 6 @ Waroona
- Sunday, 9 May - Mother's Day

## Did You Know.....



- We had over 80 students order from the 'Hungry Joes' school canteen yesterday!
- If you see a crime at an Apple Store, does that mean you are an iWitness?
- Waroona Junior Netball is hosting NetSetGo at the Waroona Recreation Centre on Wednesday's at 4pm. Eligible children between Kindy and Year 2 are encouraged to come along and learn some netball skills, play some games, and have lots of fun. Please bring a water bottle, comfy clothes and shoes and a ball if you have one. Register your interest at <https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?id=95195&fl=1&entityid=76725&save=0&misc=4Y8JCKmXiLZkl6wGcSagfzhLrvXTNbIX7Wt%2fv8pbUq8%3d&redirect=1>
- We currently have 6 of our students making the most of the opportunity of a Piano tutor onsite which is organised through Mandurah Catholic College. There are timeslots still available for those eligible student from Year 2 - Year 6. All enquiries to the school office if you are interested.
- Do you follow the school social media pages? [Click here for the Facebook page](#) [Click here for Instagram](#)



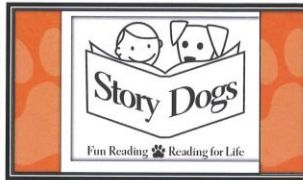
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## New Staff Profile



**Name:** Annie Bala

**History in Education/experience:** For the past few years, I have loved being a Grade 1 teacher at a wonderful school in Melbourne. Whilst studying, I taught 4 - 6-year-old children singing, dancing and acting as a Performing Arts teacher. I also worked in Out of School Hours Care, looking after students before school, after school, and during the holidays.

**Favourite food:** Hmmm... Pasta, pizza, chocolate & butter chicken - yum!

**Favourite childhood memory at school:** Competing in the Athletics Carnival in Year 6.

**Eagles or Dockers:** Neither - I support the Brown & Gold - the Mighty Hawks! But if I had to pick, it would be the Eagles :)

**My secret talent is:** Catching wild Pokémon; I am a Level 35 Pokémon Go Trainer.

**In 2021, I hope:** that I will get to explore many places around Western Australia.

## St Patrick's Parish



### **Mass Times:**

- Wednesday - 9:00 am
- Friday - 9:00 am
- Saturday - 5:00 pm
- Sunday - 8:30 am

### **Sacrament of Penance:**

3rd Sunday of the month at 8:00 am

**For Mass Bookings, please contact Father Con on (08) 9733 1225**

**For Bulletin notices, please contact Del Leahy on 0408 254 603**